

Remarks

Applicant appreciates the attention of the Examiner to the application. The Office communication of May 3, 2005 has been reviewed with care in the preparation of this response.

Applicant is submitting the above amendment to the specification to correct various inconsistencies in the description of the invention as originally filed and to provide reference numbers for certain claimed features shown in the drawings, thereby improving the clarity of the specification.

Applicant has further prepared and hereby submits the above amendment to the claims. Independent claims 1, 8 and 15, dependent claims 2-6 to claim 1, dependent claims 9, 12 and 14 to claim 8, and dependent claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 to claim 15 have been amended. Claims 21 and 22 dependent to claim 8 and claims 23-25 dependent to claim 15 have been added. Claims 10, 11, 13 and 18 have been cancelled.

Applicant has also prepared and submits replacement sheets for FIGS. 1-5 in compliance with 37 CFR §1.121(d). FIGS. 1-5 have been amended to correct the line, number and letter quality of the original drawings. FIG. 5 has also been amended to correctly label the sleeve and maximum diameter of the cavity as shown.

Each amendment is fully supported by the specification to the application and does not include any new matter. The claims as amended are patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

Claims 1-9, 12, 14-17 and 19-25, as amended, are pending and subject to a restriction requirement by the Examiner pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant elects Invention II (Claims 8, 9, 12, 14-17 and 19-25). Claims 1-7 (Invention I) are withdrawn.

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Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if such would be helpful in resolving any issue that might remain. If any fees are due, please debit Deposit Account 10-0270 and inform the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Two sheets of drawings are attached to this paper to replace the original sheets to the application depicting FIGS. 1-5. FIGS. 1-5 have been amended to correct the line, number and letter quality of the original drawings. FIG. 5 has also been amended to add reference lines and numbers that label sleeve 31 and maximum diameter 27.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (2)